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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Gabriel I. Garcia	2625	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21 and 26-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 22-25 and 29 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/431,269.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>7/9/04 & 7/14/03</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

Part III DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant should update the cross reference information on page 1 of the specification to reflect that application has been issued.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 21,26,27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shiota (6,169,596).

With regard to claim 21, Shiota teaches a data communication apparatus (see fig. 1) connected to an image storage apparatus (3) via a network (abstract), said communication apparatus comprising: reception means (5) for receiving a print request ID information identifying an image and an actual print size of the image to be printed (e.g. col. 1, line 44 thru col. 2, line 39); acquisition means (9) for, if the print request includes a plurality of actual print sizes for the same ID information, requesting one of the plurality of actual print sizes from the image storage apparatus via the network and acquiring image data having the requested actual print size from the image storage

apparatus (e.g. col. 1, line 44 thru col. 2, line 39); and generating means (4) for generating print information corresponding to each of the plurality of actual print sizes using the acquired image data (see fig. 1 and e.g. col. 3, lines 15-55).

With regard to claims 26 and 27, the limitations of claims 26 and 27 are covered by the limitations of claim 1 above. The computer code and steps of claims 26 and 27 are covered by the means and functions of claim 1.

With regard to claims 28, the limitations of claim 28 are covered by the limitations of claim 1 above; (e.g. the center server reads on the image storage of claim 1, the resolution reads on the print size of claim 1).

Conclusion

3. Claims 22-25 and 29 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ohtsuka (6,327,049) teaches an order information recording medium and order file generating apparatus for photographic service.

Fujita et al. (6,007,261) teaches a printing system with means to extract data type before printing on a recording medium.

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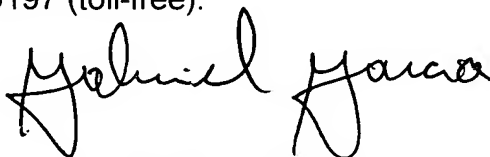
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gabriel I. Garcia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7434. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 7:30 AM-6:00 PM. The fax phone number for this group is 571-273-8300.

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